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TO : Walter Pforzheimer

DATE: 9 March 1949

FROM : General Counsel

SUBJECT: Copyright Problems

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1. [REDACTED] of the Graphics Registry called to inquire what progress was being made in the study of the copyright problem. I explained that it had been the subject of considerable study, and that it had, at first, been tied up with the [REDACTED] problem, and that, lately, you had been tied up with legislative affairs.

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2. They said they had not been pushing it, but now were faced with either new problems or some increase in old. Among the new, they have been getting requests from U. S. official publications which will be widely distributed. So far they have been able to clear these requests with the owners of the copyrights, but they believe the problem is growing. The old problem is increasing because their sources, and the flow from sources, have increased rapidly lately.

3. Will you please try to see them this week and work out a program for clearing up the problem.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

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